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1. THE OPEC SECRETARIAT STILL SEEMS TO BE RECOVERING FROM THE TRAUMA OF THE DECEMBER TERRORIST ATTACK AND THE LACK OF DECISIONS FROM THE INTERRUPTED DECEMBER CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, THE SECRETARIAT IS SLOWLY RETURNING TO NORMAL, EVEN IF THE BULLET HOLES OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK REMAIN UNREPAIRED. THE STEERING COMMITTEE, WHICH SUPERVISES THE CONSULTANTS WORKING ON MATHEMATICAL MODELING, MET FROM FEB 9 THROUGH 27. A GROUP OF EXPERTS WILL MEET ON MARCH 22 TO EXPLORE AGAIN THE GENERAL TOPIC OF GAS; THIS MEETING WAS SCHEDULED ORIGINALLY FOR MARCH 3 AND THEN POSTPONED BECAUSE TOO MANY SECRETARIAT OFFICERS WERE UNAVAILABLE. THE OPEC INDEXING COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MARCH 29.

2. MAJOR PREPARATIONS HERE FOR THE JAKARTA CONFERENCE START WITH THE MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION BOARD ON APRIL 26. THE BOARD WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MINISTERS ON THE KEY TOPICS OF PRICES AND DIFFERENTIALS. THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS WILL MEET HERE IN EARLY MAY; THE DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET. THE GOVERNORS WILL REVIEW THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION BOARD'S REPORT, MAKE A NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PROBABLY FORMULATE A RECOMMENDATION ON SECRETARIAT RELOCATION. BUCHANAN

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